

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Glen Aulin TH > California Falls > Polly Dome Lakes > Murphy Creek

Date: 07/05/2014 to 07/07/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trails are clear and dry. Mild mosquito populations around McGee Lake and Polly Dome Lakes. There are wildflowers between Glen Aulin and California Falls, and along the McGee Lake section of trail.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Delaney, Dingley, and Cathedral creek all still have low flowing water with dry rock crossings. Murphy Creek no longer flowing, only has standing water in certain areas.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Look Out Point>

Cotton Wood Meadows>

Smith Meadows>

Hardin Lake>

White Wolf

Date: 07/05/2014 to 07/05/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

From the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station to Smith Meadows The trail is well cut and easy follow. East of Smith Meadows, walking in the direction of Hardin Lake, there is three miles of burnt trail where new vegetation is over growing the trail. Possibility of losing the trail if not an experienced hiker.

Recommendation: Trail crew needs to clean trail between Smith Meadow and Harding Lake. No trees are down, strictly trail needs to be cleared of vegetation.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Water availability are as follows: 1 mile cotton wood meadows there is a creek with a healthy flow. At the Smith Meadows Junction there is a creek with healthy flow. The next water source is Hardin Lake.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Rafferty Creek->Volgelsang->Lyell Cyn. (JMT)

Date: 07/05/2014 to 07/07/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail is clear of snow and there are no hazardous water crossings.

Flowers are in full bloom (lupine, monkey flower, buttercup, shooting stars, larkspur, etc.)

Lots of marmot activity in Lyell Cyn.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Rafferty creek is flowing (maybe for another 3-5 weeks).

Water is plentiful everywhere, but this will change come August unless we receive significant rainfall.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Visitors camping too close to water in Lyell Cyn. and on undurable surfaces. Let's give those plants a chance.

(Remind visitors of 100+ft./durable surfaces.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None. No scat seen anywhere along our trail. This will most likely change as we enter the peak of Summer.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Chiquito Pass to Buck Camp via Gravelly Ford.

Buck Camp to Chain Lakes via Soda Springs.

Chain Lakes to Chiquito Pass

Buck Camp to Merced Pass

Buck Camp to Chilnualna Lakes via Royal Arches Lake

Buck Camp to Johnson Lake

Date: 07/02/2014 to 07/06/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

All trails from Buena Vista Lake, east to Merced Pass, south to Chiquito Pass have been logged and are clear. No significant trail damage has occurred

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Buck Creek has water, is running slowly.

The spring at Buck Camp is running slowly.

Both forks of the inlet to Johnsonn Lake are not running but have significant puddles at the crossing.

The creek crossings between Royal Arches Lake and Buena Vista Lake are not running but do have puddles at the crossing.

Just south of Givens Meadow, at the crossing, Givens creek is not running but has significant puddles.

The Southernmost crossing of Givens Creek is dry.

The South Fork Crossing, west of Soda Springs is running at approximately one foot deep.

The South Fork Crossing, east of Moraine Meadows is running.

The South Fork Crossing at Gravelly ford is running at approximately one half foot deep.

The creek south of Merced Pass is not running but has puddles.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

Fresh scat near Gravelly Ford.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Hardin Lake > Smith Meadow > Cottonwood Meadow > Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station

Date: 07/05/2014 to 07/05/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Hardin Lake to Smith Meadow was clear and easy to follow until you begin to descend about 1-2 miles east of Smith Meadow. The combination of a very burned out area with a lot of regrowth and little traffic makes the trail a little hard to follow at times, but you won't lose it if you're careful. The next section that could present some difficulty is the small meadow 1-2 miles southwest of Smith Meadow. This area sees little use so the trail is very faint through the tall grasses. The rest of the trail looks great! The trail crew did a really nice job back there.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All the creeks I crossed were very low. So water availability was limited.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): White Wolf > Pate Valley > Rogers Canyon > PCT to Benson Lake > Slide Canyon > Little Slide
Date: 06/29/2014 to 07/02/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trails were clear and passable. The Rogers Canyon switch backs were a little over grown but nothing too bad. The wildflower maze on the way down to Pate was magical! The bugs were out in abundance especially in Slide Canyon.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

There was water in all of the major drainages. A few of the small creeks that you cross on the trail down to Pate Valley after Morrison Creek are dry or close to dry.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Lyell Canyon -> Thousand Island Lake -> Agnew Meadows

Date: 07/01/2014 to 07/03/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail is clear and accessible. One small (25' long) snow patch on north side of Donohue Pass.

Spur trail to Davis Lakes is clear and accessible.

Mosquitos are prevalent.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Ireland Creek crossing is 6" deep, but most are creating a social trail around to cross via downed trees.

Upper Lyell outlet crossings are dry via coordinated rock hopping.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

Visitor reports of bear sightings at Ireland Creek crossing. No food obtained. Natural behavior observed.

Marmots at the top of Donohue Pass are very aggressive. Please store food properly.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Ten Lakes

Date: 07/01/2014 to 07/01/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

7 Trees are down on the trail and social trails are beginning to be developed.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Water flow is good at White Wolf/Ten Lakes trail junction. Stream flowing down along switch backs when going up towards 10 Lakes Pass is flowing well.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

Saw fresh bear sign along trail near White Wolf Trail junction.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Miguel Mdw - Lake Eleanor

Date: 07/05/2014 to 07/05/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail was in good condition to Miguel Mdw. After Miguel there is a lot of burn damage but the trail is in fairly good condition. There are a couple of logs 3.5 ft 2 miles past Miguel blocking the trail but are easy to get around. Hot!

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

There is water at Gravel Pit and some stagnant water along the trail before Miguel. Once you go past Miguel there is no water until Eleanor.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Budd Creek

Date: 06/29/2014 to 06/29/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Mostly clear trail, though there were a few social trails around the creek crossing that could get people confused. I lost the trail after Budd Lake, but found it again on the south side of Echo Peaks. Beautiful wildflowers right now!

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Budd creek is flowing well, approx. 12in deep at the trail crossing.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

none

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Sunrise->Clouds Rest

Date: 06/28/2014 to 06/28/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail was clear (& crowded) to Cloud's Rest. The outlet of Tenaya can be crossed dry on rocks.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

A few inches(2-3) of flowing water from the Mildred & sunrise Lakes drainages. The pond on the west side of the trail past the lakes jct was full & clear, and the stream crossings south of that were flowing nicely, 5-6in at the trail.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

The wilderness. There were at least 50 people on Cloud's Rest, backpacks, food, and snickers-addicted marmots & squirrels were everywhere.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Rafferty Creek -> Emeric Lake -> Merced Lake Jct -> Boothe Lake -> Rafferty Creek

Date: 06/21/2014 to 06/23/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail from Tuolumne Meadows to Vogelsang Pass is clear and dry. Several muddy sections of trail, through the meadow south of the Emeric Lake Jct. Otherwise trail along Emeric Creek and Fletcher Creek to the Merced Lake Jct is clear of trees.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Plenty of water available in all named creeks. The Fletcher Creek crossing is less than 2 feet deep, slow moving, and 6-10 feet wide where the trail crosses the creek. The creek can also be crossed on wet rocks with less than 2 inches of water above the rocks.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Some side trails are being formed along the muddy sections of trail passing through meadows.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Quartz Mtn TH (Sierra NF) >> Chain Lakes >> Breeze Lake >> Quartz Mtn TH via Moraine Meadows and Gravelly Ford

Date: 06/24/2014 to 06/26/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

TH Accessible via Forest Service roads, some paved/improved, fair amount of unimproved roads, 4WD preferable.

Trail is in great condition, mostly well marked and maintained aside for some down trees. Bad signage at the park boundary, marking the Quartz Mtn TH Junction. Easy to miss the turn and end up at the Chiquito Pass TH by mistake.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Water is low but available in all lakes and creeks. Creek crossing vary from narrow to wide, but the deepest water crossing is 10".

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Parker Pass > Koip Peak Pass > Gem Lake > Waugh Lake > Donohue Pass > Lyell Canyon

Date: 06/23/2014 to 06/25/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

All trails were almost entirely clear of snow. There was one 25' section snow after Parker Pass and before the ascent to Koip Peak Pass. After that section there was no snow on the trail until Donohue Pass where there was a few 10-20' sections of snow on the Lyell Canyon side of the pass. Other than a few patches of snow the trail was for the most part clear and dry.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creek crossings were easy to navigate over using rocks and logs or if preferred wade through about 1-2' deep water.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

No bears sighted.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Rafferty Creek --> Vogelsang, Ireland Lake, Lyell Canyon.

Date: 06/24/2014 to 06/26/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Two one-foot trees down between Ireland Lake junction and Lyell Canyon. Otherwise trails are clear and accessible.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Major creeks still running (i.e. Rafferty and Ireland). Small, unnamed creeks are now dry.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Rafferty Creek --> Vogelsang Pass --> Bernice Lake --> Merced Lake --> Echo Valley --> Sunrise HSC --> Sunrise Lakes --> Tenaya

Date: 06/23/2014 to 06/25/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail from Tuolumne to Vogelsang Pass is clear of snow and trees. Trail from Vogelsang Pass to Bernice junction is clear of snow and trees. There is 1 tree down on the Bernice trail, but it is passable by stock. The Lewis Creek trail has yet to be logged, there are 6 trees down all less than 2' in diameter. The trail from Echo Valley to Sunrise Lakes is in good condition. The switchbacks coming down to Tenaya are in good condition.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All named drainages are still flowing. A number of unnamed drainages have already dried up.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Nothing significant.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

No sightings. No reports from visitors.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Young Lakes via Glen Aulin/Young Lakes via Dog Lake.

Date: 06/22/2014 to 06/23/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail is clear of snow and easy to follow.

Mosquitoes are hit or miss!

The mountain heather is in bloom at the high lake and there is very little snow below 10,000 ft.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks are flowing. You can cross all of them dry.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

100 ft. from water (remember, the further from water, less bugs).

Trees down on trail creating new "walk-around" trails.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): White Wolf to Luken's Lake

Luken's Lake Trail to Pate Valley Trail

Luken's Lake/Harden Lake Cutoff (this trail is shown on many maps)

Date: 06/22/2014 to 06/22/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Multiple trees across the trails. Social trails beginning to form around downed trees

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

N/A

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Mono Meadow -> Illilouette

Date: 06/13/2014 to 06/13/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Conditions were good, there was no snow or flowing water on the trail.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Illilouette creek is crossable and is about 4" deep.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): May Lake TH from Tioga Road -> May Lake -> Mt. Hoffman -> Raisin Lake -> Murphy Creek TH

Date: 06/18/2014 to 06/20/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Entire trail is clear of snow and dry. Mosquitoes were very active between Raisin Lake and Murphy Creek.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

May Lake bathrooms and water faucets are open and running. Murphy Creek still has water and is flowing quickly. Crossed Murphy Creek by crossing over a fallen log.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None. Heavy marmot activity around May Lake and Mt. Hoffman

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Rafferty Creek -> Evelyn Lake -> Tuolumne

Date: 06/17/2014 to 06/17/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Tuolumne Pass is almost 100% clear of snow. The trail from Tuolumne Pass to Vogelsang has a few short (5' long or less) patches of snow. The Evelyn Lake area is clear of snow, though the trail is a small stream in sections.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks are passable. Water is available in all named creeks as well as a handful of seasonal creeks.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Ten Lakes > Murphy Creek

Date: 06/17/2014 to 06/18/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Entire trail is snow free.

Flooded and muddy sections persist.

Grant Lakes spur trail is more flooded & overgrown, with a single 1 foot deep, 15 foot wide snow patch.

All downed trees are passable via climbing or walking around.

No mosquitos during this windy week until small ponds near Polly Dome Lakes.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Water is available at every source.

Flooded sections are 3-4" deep at most, while deeper crossings are possible with coordinated rock hopping.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Happy trailside wildflowers greet you at every step!

Please travel and camp on durable surfaces to see these seasonal specialties!

Bear Incidents/Activity:

Young deer bounding across Ten Lakes Pass. Marmots follow soon after.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Cathedral Lakes, Sunrise HSC, Sunrise Lakes

Date: 06/16/2014 to 06/18/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trails are free and clear, slightly muddy in some areas. Entire trails are free of snow on this route.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks are cross-able by stone stepping. The cross at the base of Tenaya Lake is easily crossed by stepping on stones.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

We saw an American Marten. Woohoo!

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Saddle Bag Lake > Upper McCabe > Roosevelt Lake > Young Lakes > Young Lakes Via Dog Lakes

Date: 06/15/2014 to 06/17/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The route was in great condition. There was minimal snow coming over from Saddlebag Lake to Upper McCabe. The snow field in the pass over to Roosevelt Lake was in perfect condition for hiking. The trail from young lakes down was clear and passable except for a few downed trees..

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

There was water in all the major creeks and streams.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Parker Pass -> Koip Peak Pass -> Alger Lakes -> Silver Lake

Date: 06/13/2014 to 06/13/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail to Parker Pass is 99% clear of snow. Koip Peak Pass trail has a few 5-10' long sections of snow-covered trail that is exposed and hard snow at earlier hours. The rest of the route is snow-free.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

The Dana Fork crossing on the Parker Pass Trail requires a slippery rock hop or shallow wade. Water is readily available.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Snow Creek > Valley North Rim > Yosemite Falls

Date: 06/11/2014 to 06/13/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail, being so well traveled, is very apparent and in good condition, with the exception of several large trees blocking parts of it between the Snow Creek footbridge and Lehamite Creek. They have been there for a while and there are well-worn use trails going around them.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks along the North Rim which appear on the map are currently flowing.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

Observed a healthy bear with a nice brown coat along Lehamite Creek tearing into a log.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Ostrander TH -> Turner Meadow -> Grouse/Crescent/Johnson Lakes -> Horse Ridge XCOUNTRY
-> Ostrander TH

Date: 06/12/2014 to 06/13/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trails are dry and mainly clear of debris. No downed trees on the trail to Ostrander or between Buena Vista Lake and Johnson Lake. Lots of wildflowers out in the first few miles of the Ostrander Trail and between Crescent and Johnson Lakes!

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks have less than 10" of water in them and are easy to cross and keep dry. The very small seasonal runoff streams are dry. There's one flooded meadow just west of Johnson Lake that gets up to 8" deep if walking in the trail. One 20' patch of snow just west of Johnson Lake as well.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Glacier Point to Sunrise Creek and Cloud's Rest via Panorama Trail

Date: 06/10/2014 to 06/12/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail is clear and dry all the way to Sunrise Creek. Mosquitoes start to appear near little Yosemite Valley and are present all the way up to Sunrise Creek/Cloud's Rest Junction. Mosquitoes continue from Sunrise Creek two miles up the trail to Cloud's Rest.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

No water between Glacier Point and Illilouette Falls.

The main branch of Sunrise Creek is flowing, by the smaller creek near the junction and the major camping area is almost completely dry.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

At least one bear active in Sunrise Creek/Cloud's Rest Junction. We had to scare a bear out of our site multiple times both nights, and could hear other campers chasing the bear away throughout the night as well. Unable to see if the bear (or bears) were tagged. On the first night, the bear did not touch our bear canisters, on the second night, the bear threw one of our cans around for about 2 minutes each time. The morning of 6/11 we found a bag of food that had been eaten by a bear, and in the afternoon, we followed reports from other hikers camped near the clouds rest junction to another bag of food that a bear had gotten into. The mess was cleaned up by another party before we located it, but we recovered the trash from them that evening. All of this has been reported to the bear crew of 3 that spent the night of 6/11 at the junction.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Mono Meadow to Red Creek

Date: 06/07/2014 to 06/08/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail is clear other than a 6 foot long section of 1 foot deep standing water in the trail through Mono Meadow.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Illilouette Creek crossing is approximately 3 feet deep at its deepest point when crossing at the intended trail crossing, moving moderately fast. The Clark Fork crossing is about 1 foot deep, fast moving water, but there are crossable logs upstream. Red creek is also about 1 foot deep, fast moving water, with a precarious log crossing upstream.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Side trails are being created in Mono Meadow and around downed trees along the Illilouette Creek trail.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

Three bears grazing in Mono Meadow, including a mother and her yearling.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Rafferty/Vogelsang-Ireland spur trail- Lyell.

Date: 06/08/2014 to 06/09/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Rafferty/Vogelsang trail is in excellent condition. One large down tree was down just before you enter the meadow. Some snow patches on trail just above booth/Vogelsang lake trail junction. Vogelsang lake and Pass still holding a bunch of snow. The trail up to Evelyn lake has a few snow patches on the climb from Vogelsang. Once you enter the meadow by Evelyn lake the trail turns into mud and standing water in the trail. Evelyn lake crossing is easy, i was able to keep my feet dry with boots. Some snow coverage by the unnamed lake just east of Evelyn lake. The crossing of the unnamed lake was easy was able to keep feet dry. The spur trail to Ireland lake starts snow free then slowly turns into snow coverage at 10000 feet. Looks like it's melting pretty fast. Lyell Canyon trail is mostly dry and mud free. A few short sections of trail are still rather muddy/water. Trails are forming to avoid the muddy and water sections. One large tree down is crossing over the trail about a mile before the Rafferty/Vogelsang trail.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Evelyn lake crossing is easy, i was able to keep my feet dry with boots.

The crossing of the unnamed lake was easy was able to keep feet dry.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Trails are forming to avoid the muddy and water sections on Lyell.

Encounter two parties with three dogs. One party was on there way down from Vogelsang with one dog. The other party was hiking the JMT with two dogs.

I spotted one MNT bike tread coming down Vogelsang.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Bridalveil CG -> Buena Vista Lake/Royal Arch Lake -> Chilnualna Falls

Date: 06/04/2014 to 06/06/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trails are in good condition, except for several dozen downed trees and debris along the route. There are two short patches of snow, 12" to 24" in depth, between Johnson and Crescent Lakes.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks are flowing with 8" or less of water.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Young Lakes Loop

Date: 06/04/2014 to 06/04/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Small patches of snow above 9600 feet. Other trail is clear and accessible.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creek crossable. There are plenty of streams and creeks to filter water from.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Ten Lakes/Grant Lakes-->May Lake

Date: 06/03/2014 to 06/05/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

For the most part this trail is clear.

Generally: All rivers and creeks have good flow and are crossable by "rock-hopping" or their flow is ankle-deep or less. Snow patches exist sporadically in forested areas and north facing areas. All lakes/tarns are unfrozen. The trail is flooded with ankle deep water in multiple (10-12) sections along this whole trail.

There are two areas where due to snow cover it is possible to get disoriented.

First, once you have descended in to 10 Lakes basin the trail is covered by a few 30-40 ft. sections of snow.

Second, the north side of Tuolumne Peak is holding snow on the final steep switchbacks before the trail summit about (3) 50' sections. The trail is completely covered, but as long as you have a good map you can avoid most of the snow field scooting around it on bare granite to meet up with the trail above.

Grant Lakes spur trail- ankle-deep flooded areas and short 30ft. long snow drifts remain.

Rock Fall- there is a small 25' section of trail covered by rockfall of 4' boulders on the "straight away" west of/below the switchbacks up to Tuolumne peak.

Mosquitos have moved in to the May Lake area. No mosquitos above 9,250 ft.

May Lake HSC has no facilities and the backpacker's camp bathroom has not opened.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks and rivers are flowing nicely with cold clear water. All are crossable by rock-hopping or ankle deep wading.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Glen Aulin

Date: 06/03/2014 to 06/04/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trails were clear and dry.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Delaney Creek is foot deep but there is a log all visitors have used to cross.

Dingley Creek is 2.5 inches deep.

Water available everywhere

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Lower Young Lake via Dog Lake Trail.

Date: 06/03/2014 to 06/03/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Mostly good dry hiking with some muddy areas and little snow for first 4 miles or so, then patches of snow up to a couple feet deep will be encountered on north facing slopes. The camping areas around Lower Young Lake are mostly dry. There is still significant snow above Lower Young Lake.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

No difficult crossings. Lots of water.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

none

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Cathedral Lakes Trailhead > Sunrise Lakes > Clouds Rest > Sunrise Lakes Trailhead

Date: 06/02/2014 to 06/03/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trails were almost completely clear of snow. There are some small patches that will be gone soon. The trails are easy to follow and only muddy in a few small sections.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Lots of water available all over our course. All of the crossings were unseasonably low, the only one that we had to wade through at the outlet of Tenaya Lake it was about 3 feet high.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Pohono Trail (Wawona Tunnel) to Stanford Point

Date: 06/01/2014 to 06/01/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail is clear and dry. Please do not leave your backpack on the trail while you explore a viewpoint. Always keep your belongings within arm's reach, otherwise scented items need to be properly stored in a bear canister.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Water available in both Artist Creek and Meadow Brook.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Rafferty Creek to Vogelsang HSC

Date: 06/01/2014 to 06/01/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail is clear with some wet/muddy areas until about 1 mile north of Tuolumne Pass at which point you will start to encounter snow, which gradually increases until reaching Vogelsang HSC. The backpacker's area at Vogelsang is mostly free of snow and relatively dry due to its sunny exposure.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creek crossings are very reasonable. Plenty of water available at all times.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Parker Pass.

Date: 05/30/2014 to 05/30/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail is in fair condition. Trails are starting to form on either side of the trail to avoid flooded and muddy sections of trail. Just beyond the Parker Pass trail the meadow becomes flooded and muddy. Just beyond the meadow it turns into 75% snow coverage. I was post holing to my knee for about 3/4 of a mile before the snow started to clear on the ridge and turned into flowing water on the trail. The trail was flooded to about the Parker Pass sign. Parker pass lake and Helen lake is starting to open up. Kuna crest, Kuna peak and Koip still had a bunch of snow and looked icy.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks are flowing and easy to cross.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Trails are starting to form to avoid flooded and muddy sections of trail. Please remind hikers to stay on trail.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Chilnualna Falls->Chain Lakes->Chilnualna

Date: 05/23/2014 to 05/26/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail clear up to the falls. Chil creek crossable on a log 50yds upstream. Small patches of snow once you get near the lakes, increasing in size as you approach Buck Camp. Some up to 200ft wide, all navigable by a faint but very accurate boot track. All streams are crossable with dry feet, mostly on logs up or down stream from the trail. Chain lakes are fully thawed, Breeze lake is 90% frozen, & Gale Peak is accessible(tho still holding enough snow to make it a little more than the advertised class 2 in the Secor book).

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Plenty of water. All streams are crossable with dry feet, mostly on logs up or down stream from the trail.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Some trail braiding in the marshier areas.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Ten Lakes TH --> Ten Lakes --> Grant Lakes --> Ten Lakes TH

Date: 05/29/2014 to 05/30/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail is mostly clear to Ten Lakes Pass. From Ten Lakes Pass to the switchbacks dropping into the Ten Lakes Basin there remains a significant snowfield where visitors could potentially loose the trail. However, it won't be there very long.

From the Grant/Ten Lakes junction to Grant Lakes the snow travel and navigation is more significant. 20% snow coverage from that junction to the lakes. It could potentially be quite challenging for visitors to get to Grant Lakes without good navigation skills.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Tons of water, no difficult crossings.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Muddy/wet trails are widening.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None reported.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Glen Aulin Trail, Soda Springs TM to Waterwheel Falls

Date: 05/26/2014 to 05/27/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Soda Springs to Glen Aulin HSC - Trail is clear of snow, no downed trees.

Glen Aulin to Waterwheel Falls - 2 stretches of trail, each about 200 yards long are flooded about 18" deep upstream of California Falls. 3 trees (20", 15", 5") down across trail in flooded sections.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Soda Springs to Glen Aulin - 3 creek crossings about 8" deep

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

4 out of 5 groups who had come through Pate Valley, reported seeing bears foraging naturally.

All 5 groups reported seeing numerous rattlesnakes along the trail in Pate Valley

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Snow Creek -> Yosemite Falls

North Dome

Indian Rock

Eagle Peak

Date: 05/27/2014 to 05/29/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

trails are clear and easily accessible with the exception of the following trees:

- Between Snow Creek footbridge and Lehimite Creek junction:

10 down trees between 1 and 3 feet

- Between Lehimite junction and Yosemite creek

2' 3'

- Between top of Yosemite Falls and Eagle Peak

5 trees down between 1'-3'

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks had water in them. No issues crossing.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

We saw a bear out between North Dome and Yosemite Point. No tag, ran away from us immediately

Saw a bobcat in same area.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Glen Aulin Fisherman's -> Grand Canyon -> White Wolf via Pate Valley

Date: 05/27/2014 to 05/28/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Conditions are normal for spring (see below for water crossings). 25-30 trees are down between Glen Aulin and Harden Lake, none of which severely limit travel. Other than slightly muddy sections, mosquitoes, creek crossings listed below and trees down, the trail is in good condition and is accessible.

*see "work needed section" for downed sign information in Pate Valley. A handful of backpackers have reported going far out of their way up Rodgers Canyon in stead of up towards White Wolf because they missed the signs.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

The second meadow along the Fisherman's Trail is flooded with standing water no more than 12" deep. The Glen Aulin Proper is flooded with cold standing water no more than 12" deep. The unbridged Register Creek crossing is a 4" deep crossing with fast-moving water over slick rocks or a 2-foot deep wade through moderate-moving water.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Social trails due to trees down, widening of trails due to mud.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Chilnualna Falls --> Deer Camp --> Alder Creek

Date: 05/17/2014 to 05/17/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

One tree (30") is down on the mail fork of Chilnualna Creek before the second junction. I removed some of the debris. 38 trees (8"-36") with lots of debris covering the trail from the top of Chilnualna Falls to Wawona via Deer Camp/Alder Creek. There are several short snow drifts along the trail through Turner Meadow. Hikers reported very soggy conditions along the Crescent Lake trail and continuous snow pack from Johnson Lake, on the norther loop, to Buena Vista Lake and Chilnualna Lakes.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks are easy to cross and several springs are low but still flowing.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Dog Lake Parking-->Lembert Dome Summit-->Dog Lake

Date: 05/17/2014 to 05/17/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail to Lembert Dome summit completely dry and free of snow. Some small and shallow snow patches are still present on the North side of Lembert Dome and higher up between Dog Lake and Lembert Dome Parking. Didn't head out that way but there appears to be a fair amount of snow heading up to Young Lakes

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

No Difficult water crossings

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

none

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): May Lake Rd-->May Lake-->Mt. Hoffman

Date: 05/16/2014 to 05/16/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

May Lake Road is certainly not ready to open. There are several 6" deep 20' wide water crossings. Additionally, while the road has always been rough-it is exceptionally so right now. From the May Lake trail head proper, the snow coverage is greater than 50% until you reach the slabs. There is a nice boot pack through all the snow that is accurate and easy to travel on. From the slabs to the lake the trail is mostly snow free. There are a few patches where visitors could camp not on snow in the backpackers' camp. There are bear lockers that are accessible. That said, almost all of the backpackers' camp is under 1-2' of snow. May lake is 97% frozen.

I did not take the traditional route up Mt. Hoffman, but I can say that it is very snowy. I went up in the afternoon and the snow was fairly nice for traveling on, but began to get quite post-holey on the descent. The snowfields are also getting thin enough that I was punching through to talus every so often.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Water everywhere. No significant crossings

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Muddy spring conditions where the snow has melted. Say on trail.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

No Reports

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Porcupine Creek to North Dome

Date: 05/14/2014 to 05/15/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail is clear of snow except for a half mile section after the first creek crossings. The half mile section has large patches of snow but there is a clear path through the snow. There is one 25' section where the trail is flooded and muddy but drying quickly.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks are passable on rocks or logs. If you wade the deepest they would be is about 6 inches. All creeks are good water and the spring at North Dome is still flowing.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

none

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): PCT to Glen Aulin-->Grand Canyon to Waterwheel Falls

Date: 05/09/2014 to 05/09/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Losses of snow on trail-still tapering off somewhat as you near Glen Aulin.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

The trail is flooded and requires wading for some distance in Glen Aulin proper as you near California Falls

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

n/a

Bear Incidents/Activity:

n/a

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Lyell Canyon (JMT) to the Vogelsang/Ireland Lake jct.

Date: 05/10/2014 to 05/10/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Lots of snow, mud and water. Approx. 50% snow coverage on trail first 2 to 3 miles, then, relatively few areas of snow where Lyell Canyon faces south, but still very muddy and wet.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

none

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

none

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Poopenaut Valley

Date: 04/21/2014 to 04/21/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail is in fair condition after the Rim Fire. There are several down trees across the trail ranging from 2' to 3' in diameter. Only two of the downed trees have necessitated social trails to bypass the trees. These social trails are causing erosion due the steep nature of the trail as well as the fire effected soil.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

The Tuolumne river looked lower than I had ever seen it. There was a sand bar spanning the river that you could walk across.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

The valley itself looks rejuvenated after the fire, it is carpeted with Mugwort.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Moraine Ridge

Date: 04/30/2014 to 04/30/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The moraine ridge trail is free of obstructions. After mile 6 you will experience snow on the trail. But temperatures have been warm in this area so expect melting to happen quickly.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

No water on the Moraine Ridge until Moraine meets Jack Main Canyon.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

none

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Beehive Meadows - > Laurel Lake

Date: 05/01/2014 to 05/01/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The beehive trail has been cleared of all debris and the trail is wide open and ready to be hiked. No snow at this time. The beehive meadow is flooded right now from snow melt, but would imagine this to dry quickly with daily temperatures in this area reaching above 70.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Water is available at this time in many springs, creeks and water run offs. The Frog Creek is moving swiftly and when crossed at the lowest point I found it to be between two and three feet high.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

none

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Dog Lake TH - > Ragged Peak -> Young Lakes-> Tuolumne via Glen Aulin Trail

Date: 05/14/2014 to 05/14/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Early spring conditions persist! After the dog lake junction, snow coverage grows from 60% to 100% in the Upper Dingley Meadow. The Glen Aulin side is under a similar amount of snow. Travel in the morning was pleasant and fairly easy on well-consolidated snow. The warmer temperatures of the afternoon brought many opportunities for post-holing.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks are crossable. (Delaney via a skinny and slippery log). Upper Dingley will become a bit hairier as snow bridges thin. As of now, Upper Dingley is 100% covered in snow.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

none

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Yosemite Falls -> Mirror Lake Snow Creek TH

Date: 05/10/2014 to 05/10/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

The trail is clear of snow the entire length of the rim. Intermittent snow patches speckled the trail a scant quarter mile east of the Porcupine Flat campground junction. The trail up North Dome is reportedly in similar condition and several parties have hiked to and from there without incident.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks and seasonal streams are following marvelously right now. Snow creek is impressively cascading its way to Tenaya Canyon. Both Indian Canyon Creek and Lehamite Creek provide excellent respite from dehydration and tired toes.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Keep your ears peeled for Blue Grouse calling out for love all along the Canyon rim.

Snow plants are bursting their way through the surface in abundance at the top of the Snow Creek switchbacks.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

Bears sighted along both the Yosemite Falls trail and the Snow Creek switchbacks. No incidents.

Two rattlesnakes avoided on the Snow Creek switchbacks.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Cathedral Lakes

Date: 05/03/2014 to 05/03/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Lots of Snow! After the first 2 miles the trail becomes completely covered with snow, 2 feet deep. Trail is very difficult to follow at times. Map & GPS recommended. Lower Cathedral Lake is completely covered with snow and ice

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Noted crossing at Lower Cathedral Lake

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

none

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Beehive Meadows to Lake Vernon

Date: 02/24/2014 to 02/24/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail was clear of snow until the 'Frog Pond' ~ 1 mile before Beehive Meadows. Thereafter, we started to encounter small snow/ice patches that obscured the trail for small segments, ~10 ft. As we got closer to Beehive Mdws, the snow patches grew longer and more numerous to roughly 50% snow coverage about 1 - 2 ft deep. From Beehive Meadows to the Moraine Ridge junction, snow coverage varied from 50% to 90%, with standing water and other wet conditions in between. Finding the trail was challenging at times. From the trail junction to Lake Vernon conditions were similar, except in the exposed granite areas. The trail along the lake had about 80 - 90% snow coverage and was otherwise very wet. Following the trail was challenging.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

Plenty of water available. No significant creek crossings along the route

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

Please walk on trail as much as possible in wet and muddy sections to prevent braided trails from forming.

Bear Incidents/Activity:

none.

Trail Conditions Report

Trail(s): Smith Peak to Cottonwood Creek to Smith Peak

Date: 01/21/2014 to 01/21/2014

Conditions/Accessibility:

Trail conditions were reasonable. There are 2 washouts on the trail, within .5 miles of the road. The most challenging part is following the trail in the needle cast areas. It was almost like a thin layer of snow obscuring where the trail was. You have to pay close attention to where the trail is going or you will lose it. Oftentimes you have to just keep going in the direction of the trail and hope to pick it up again soon. I completely lost the trail at one point, but that section of trail I had been on before so I knew where it went and was able to pick it up again. Except for the immediate area around Smith Meadow and the first mile or 2 of trail from the road, most (>65%) of the forest around the trail was 'nuked' or severely burned. There were still needles in the trees, but after they all drop it'll there will be no shade so it'll be hot. As for safety concerns, there was nothing particularly hazardous in my opinion. The route/trail finding that i mentioned is a concern, as is safely crossing some of the fallen trees, especially on the steeper sections, but otherwise I didn't see anything of concern.

Creek Crossings/Water Availability:

All creeks had water. Only the ice on the creeks made crossing difficult.

Resources at Risk/Invasive Species:

None

Bear Incidents/Activity:

None

